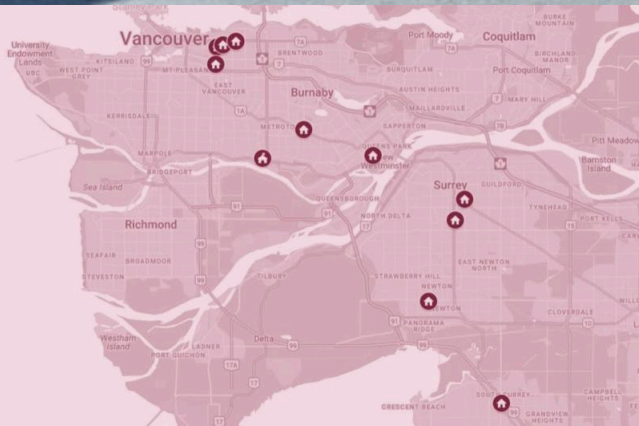




Who We Are

Founded in 1984 by three single mothers, Entre Nous Femmes Housing Society (ENFHS) is one of Canada's first women-led community housing organizations focused on the affordable housing needs of women and single-parent families.

ENFHS currently serves over 1200 low- and moderate-income women, children, single-parent families, seniors, and people with disabilities across 471 affordable rental homes in thirteen properties in Burnaby, New Westminster, North Vancouver, Surrey, and Vancouver.

The ENFHS Strategic Plan 2023-2028 outlines the priorities of ENFHS for the next five years. It sets the goals of maintaining and upgrading our existing portfolio and improving resident well-being. It includes the following steps to achieving these goals.



Maintain, Renew, and Upgrade our Properties

to support safe and healthy homes for existing residents.



Invest in Climate Resilience Assess climate change risks (e.g. extreme weather, sea-level rise, etc.), explore opportunities to increase energy efficiencies, and limit greenhouse gas emissions across the portfolio.



Increase understanding of current and anticipated needs of residents, as they relate with housing and how they impact well-being.



The Benefits of Building Renewal

Also called building rehabilitation or deep retrofit, building renewal means repairing and replacing most or all of the exterior building components and aging mechanical systems, and often includes equipment replacement or upgrades.

Renewing and maintaining existing housing can be less costly than building new housing. With the help of government funding programs, building renewal allows us to maintain lower resident rents, extend the life of buildings, and preserve our housing stock

What Renewals Mean for Entre Nous Femmes Housing Society and Residents

Our Strategic Plan identifies priorities for building maintenance and renewals. Our housing sites are assessed based on their expected life cycle and validated through regular in-person assessments. This information is then used to plan investment over the short and long term. Entre Nous Femmes Housing Society has completed one building envelope renewal in the past two years and has five building renewals in design or construction over the next five years. We renew existing housing sites to:

- Maintain high-quality housing by ensuring our assets are kept in a good state of repair Extend the lifetime of buildings by adding 40 years of serviceable life.
- Increase climate resilience with greater protections from extreme weather events and the impacts of climate change.
- Support sustainability by reducing building Green House Gas (GHG) emissions and energy consumption.
- Improve accessibility of existing units and common areas.
- Maintain affordability by reducing operating, maintenance, and utility costs.
- Improve resident comfort by keeping indoor temperatures stable with both heating and cooling, and by improving air quality.
- Enhance community spaces to encourage social interactions.
- Modernize the appearance of buildings - helping residents take pride in where they live.

Resident Engagement

We will communicate with residents in early 2026 about what to expect, construction schedules and how to prepare for the upcoming renovations.

Once construction begins, there will be regular updates on construction activities and schedules to residents.



Evergreen Apartments Major Capital Renewal & Deep Retrofits

Evergreen Apartments is a low-rise multifamily market housing building in New Westminster. It includes 61 homes in a four-storey wood frame building with one elevator. As you know, the property is aging and requires considerable renovations to continue to meet the needs of residents for the long term. ENFHS, in partnership with Affine Climate Solutions, is undertaking a major capital renewal and deep retrofit project at Evergreen Apartments.

The project aims to make homes more comfortable, energy efficient, resilient, and environmentally friendly. Upgrades to the building structure (walls, membranes, and insulation) and mechanical systems (elevator modernization and hot water) are projected to improve resident comfort and significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and energy use intensity.

Evergreen Apartments Upgrades

The Evergreen Apartments upgrades are expected to start in early 2026 and will take approximately 12 months to complete. Major retrofits and renewal of building systems will include:

- New heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system
- Heat pumps for domestic hot water heating
- Replacement of windows & patio doors
- Balcony repairs
- Parkade insulation
- Roof replacement
- Elevator upgrades
- Rooftop solar panels
- LED lighting upgrades





How is This Project Being Funded?

This project is being funded by the Rental Protection Fund, Vancity Credit Union, BC hydro, Fortis BC and other federal government funding.

The goal of these upgrades is to increase the life-span of the building, improve resident well-being, and continue to provide affordable housing at Evergreen Apartments.

Construction Schedule

At this time, the schedule of work is still being finalized by our construction manager, **Pomeroy Restoration and Construction (PR Construction)**. We have submitted a building permit to the City of New Westminster and are waiting for it to be issued. Residents will be able to continue to live in their homes during the renovations and will be notified ahead of time when work begins and when access to your unit is necessary.

In DECEMBER, you will see start seeing fencing around trees near the building for tree protection measures. Please do NOT climb on, modify or access any tree protection areas.

Please pay careful attention to all posted construction signage. **A resident meeting will be held in early January to provide more details about the upcoming project.** Notices will be coming soon. ENFHS will continue to provide regular updates, as they are available.

We Will Keep You Informed

We look forward to working with you during the renovations, and we appreciate your understanding and cooperation throughout this process. It is our hope that through ongoing communication, monitoring progress, and resident meetings, everyone will be informed about each phase of this important project. We acknowledge there will be disruptions and inconveniences to your daily routine during the capital renewal project. We will work with you to reduce these impacts as much as possible.



Contact

If you have any questions about this capital renewal project, please contact us at projects@enfhs.ca.

For questions regarding your tenancy, please contact Ken Woollard, Housing Manager, at ken@enfhs.ca or call 604-880-7469



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